IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1193

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010;
LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEYS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEYS FROM THE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECTING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Attorney General the following amounts to be expended for the designated programs according to the designated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

15		FOR	FOR	FOR	
16		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
17		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
18	I. STATE LEGAL SERVICES:				
19	FROM:				
20	General Fund	\$15,613,700	\$724,100	\$39,600	\$16,377,400
21	American Reinvestment Fund	100,000	300,000		400,000
22	Consumer Protection Fund	305,700	119,900		425,600
23	Federal Grant Fund	602,500	346,600		949,100
24	TOTAL	\$16,621,900	\$1,490,600	\$39,600	\$18,152,100
25	II. SPECIAL LITIGATION:				
26	FROM:				
27	General Fund		\$951,600		\$951,600
28	GRAND TOTAL	\$16,621,900	\$2,442,200	\$39,600	\$19,103,700

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Attorney General is authorized no more than two hundred seven and fifteen-hundredths (207.15) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. On or before June 30, 2009, the State Controller, at the request of the Attorney General, shall transfer \$106,300 from the Fish and Game Fund within the Department of Fish and Game, to the Consumer Protection Fund within the Office of the Attorney General. The intent of this transfer is to mitigate the impact of adding staff for the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2010.

SECTION 4. On or before June 30, 2009, the State Controller, at the request of the Attorney General, shall transfer \$100,300 from the State Regulatory Fund in the Bureau of Occupational Licenses in the Department of Self-Governing Agencies, to the Consumer Protection Fund within the Office of the Attorney General. The intent of this transfer is to mitigate the impact of adding staff for the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses for fiscal year 2010.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statutorily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the education of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly, by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of furloughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the extent allowed by law.

SECTION 6. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force; and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning minimum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this law.

SECTION 7. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 3, 4 and 6 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.